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1. [] the Black Cat Society is a bandit organization which robbed persons and shops and [] it no longer exists in Moscow. It was, however, so widespread in 1945 and 1946 that the police and the Army patrolled the streets of Moscow at night.
2. The method of operation of members of the society was to approach a victim and say, "I am a member of the Black Cat. Turn over what you have." However, some bandits who did not belong to the society used its name.
3. Many members must have been arrested, since [] no mention of the society since 1949.

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[] Comment: [] existence of the Black Cat Society in other areas []

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